

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 8, 21 and 23 have been amended.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 19-22 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting in view of claim 1 of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/611,660. Applicant is including a terminal disclaimer with this paper and is therefore respectfully requesting withdrawal of these claim rejections.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claim 23 was allegedly objected to due to an antecedent issue. Applicant has made appropriate corrections via the preceding claim amendment and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this claim objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 8 and 21 were allegedly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and definitely claim the subject matter. Applicant has attended to these rejections via the preceding amendment and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of these claim rejections.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 1-28 and respectfully submits that the various objections and rejections of various claims have been addressed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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